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1. UNEP FUND STATUS TRANSMITTED REFTEL GREATLY APPRECIATED
IN CONNECTION INITIAL DEPT-AID REVIEW OF FY 1977 BUDGET
PRESENTATION FOR US CONTRIBUTION.

2. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED IN COURSE OUR REVIEW ON
WHICH DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FURTHER CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH UNEP FUND OFFICIALS:

(A) RE TABLE I, ENTRY "RESOURCES", DOES LOWER REVISED
FIGURE FOR 1975 (AND CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN LATER
YEARS) REFLECT PRIMARILY INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 8(C)
REFTEL CONCERNING STATUS CANADIAN PAYMENTS? IF THIS IS
CASE, ARE THERE OTHER SIMILAR SIGNIFICANT UNPAID OR RE-
SCHEDULED PLEDGES ON BASIS OF WHICH FURTHER ADJUSTMENT OF
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ESTIMATED RESOURCES COULD BE EXPECTED?

(B) WITH RESPECT TO TABLE II TRANSMITTED REFTEL, CAN
FIGURES PRESENTED FOR "FUND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND FUND

PROGRAM RESERVE ACTIVITIES" BE FURTHER REFINED TO REVEAL

FOR ALL YEARS (A) ACTUAL OR ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS REPRESENTED BY SIGNED DOCUMENTS; (B) ESTIMATED CASH EXPENDITURES FOR APPROVED AND CONTRACTED PROJECTS; AND (C) REALISTIC RESERVE FOR PROJECTS STILL IN DESIGN STAGE.

(C) IS IT CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT FORWARD COMMITMENTS SHOWN IN TABLE II FOR 1975, 1976 AND 1977 ARE INCLUDED IN THE BALANCE (DEFICIT) LINE OF TABLE I AS COMMITMENTS? IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY WILL NOTE FROM FOOTNOTE 7 TO TABLES ANNEXED UNEP/GC/41/ADD.2 THAT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 9 MILLION OF DOLS 13 MILLION BALANCE FOR 1974 WAS COMMITTED FOR EXPENDITURE IN FUTURE YEARS.

(D) DO TOTALS IDENTIFIED AS "FUND PROGRAM ACTIVITY COMMITMENTS" IN TABLE II (FOR 1976 AND 1977) REPRESENT FORWARD COMMITMENTS IN SENSE OF DECISION 10(II) OF UNEP GC/II? NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THIS DECISION LIMITS AUTHORITY FOR SUCH FORWARD COMMITMENTS TO DOLS 7 MILLION FOR 1976 AND DOLS 4 MILLION FOR 1977. WERE THESE FIGURES REVISED BY GC/III?

3. AS EMBASSY WILL RECOGNIZE FROM FOREGOING QUESTIONS, DEPT'S AND AID'S INTEREST LIES IN OBTAINING BETTER PICTURE OF UNEP'S ACTUAL AND ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL SITUATION OVER NEXT THREE YEARS. WE WISH ENSURE THAT BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR CY 1977 CONTRIBUTION TO UNEP BEARS REASONABLE RELATIONSHIP TO UNEP'S ACTUAL NEED FOR CASH CONTRIBUTIONS AND REFLECTS REQUIREMENTS NEEDED EITHER TO MEET ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FALLING DUE OR NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL BASIS FOR ENTERING INTO FIRM CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS ON NEW PROJECTS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RESPONSE FOREGOING BY PRIORITY CABLE ASAP.

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